

# LEATHERHEAD & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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Dear Member,

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING : 30 MARCH 1984

This meeting was attended by 76 members - a larger number than ever before: we were glad to see the Council Chamber full to overflowing.

The various reports provided by the Executive Committee, Treasurer and Museum Treasurer were all accepted by the meeting, including a recommendation that the subscription should remain at £4 for 1985.

The following Committee was elected:

Chairman	L A Smith
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Museum Treasurer	J R Bull
Museum Curator & Record Secretary	D Bruce
Programme Secretary	Vacancy
Sales Secretary	G Hayward
Library Secretary	J R Gilbert
Archaeology Secretary	E A Crossland
Lecture Secretary	N H West
Membership Secretary	Mrs G Parry
Committee Members	R A Lever S R C Poulter

A list of their names and addresses is attached.

## OFFICERS OF THE COMMITTEE

Unfortunately since the AGM, Mrs Parry has had to resign, partly due to the fact that she has been far from well during the winter, although I am glad to say she is much better now. We are grateful to her for her year of work as Membership Secretary. This is a job which requires great attention to detail and also takes up quite a lot of time. The appointment of Membership Secretary will now be combined with that of Secretary.

We are still needing a Programme Secretary. It has now been suggested that the job should be split into two, with one person dealing with lectures and one dealing with visits and "walks". This division of duty should make the work lighter - so have we any volunteers, please? Don't forget this office need only be held for as long as you please: you do not have to stick at it for years and years! The Chairman or Secretary will be very pleased to hear from anyone who can help.

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr M A Snellgrove did not stand for re-election to the Committee. He has contributed a very great deal over a long period and now feels he wants to "retire". Who can blame him; but we shall miss his help and advice at our Committee Meetings. We look forward, however, to seeing him at our events.

## MEMBERSHIP

Since the last Newsletter was issued, we have had the pleasure of welcoming the following new members:

<u>Ashtead</u> Mr S R Green Ms R Roach	<u>Bookham</u> Mr. & Mrs E J Barker	<u>Cobham</u> Mr & Mrs A C Sermon	<u>Fetcham</u> Mr T Bayman
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Leatherhead  
Mrs P White  
Gina Cleeve (Junior)

## "FRIENDS" OF THE LEATHERHEAD MUSEUM - From David Bruce

A meeting at the Red Cross Hall on 27 April was attended by about 30 "Friends", who heard talks about the history and restoration of Hampton Cottage, given by Mary Rice-Oxley and David Bruce.

The main purpose of the meeting was to form a small Committee to put the "Friends" onto a firm basis, and this was successful in that Frank Rice-Oxley (Bookham 53285) offered to act as Treasurer, and Miss Julia Warren (Bookham 54578) agreed to be Secretary. Mrs Peggy West (Bookham 54979) had already offered to serve on the Committee. The Committee, with David Bruce as temporary Chairman, has already met twice and has drafted a proposed constitution, and arranged banking facilities.

The first jobs to be done by the Committee are to complete the arrangements for the "Bygone Bookham" lecture on 23 October at the Old Barn Hall, Bookham (tickets £1 still available from Bob Thomas (Bookham 54607)); and to explore the hall availability in Leatherhead for a "Bygone Leatherhead" talk by Stephen Fortescue in late March 1985. (20 March 1985 at the Parish Hall, Leatherhead, would appear to be the most likely date and venue.)

As regards the October "Bygone Bookham", suitable prizes are required for the usual raffle and if any member has an unwanted item, perhaps they would be kind enough to contact John Bull (Ashtead 72800) who has agreed to run the raffle.

## MUSEUM NEWS - From David Bruce

Geoff Hayward has agreed to mastermind the final setting out of Hampton Cottage garden. Already cement and mixed ballast has been bought and foundation trenches for the flower bed retaining walls have been dug. Geoff has some help - particularly on Sunday mornings - but would welcome assistance during the week, say, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. If you would like to help him for an hour or so, please give him a ring on Leatherhead 372674.

We had the pleasure of hosting an exhibition put on by the Dorking and Reigate Branch of the Embroiderers Guild, for two extended week-ends in May. The fine workmanship of the displays attracted many visitors and resulted in several new members for the Guild. We are grateful to Mrs Goodrich for helping to arrange the visit and we trust that the Guild will make a return visit in the near future.

Some time in September, we hope to put on a special display produced by the Guildford Museum for the Surrey Museums Council, entitled "Brick and Tile in Surrey", concerning the production and use of these materials in Surrey throughout the ages, with extra items from our own collections. Local schools will be invited to send parties of children to see the exhibition, when Hampton Cottage will be open specially.

We have recently been given our second-largest exhibit - namely, the old telephone switchboard dating from the late 1930s and given by the Leatherhead Hospital. This item stands some 4'6" high by 20" wide and will no doubt be of great interest to our younger visitors.

## Notice to All Pipe Smokers

The Hon Curator would like to receive empty tobacco tins. Some of these he will perforate and fill with Paradichlorobenzene (moth repellent to the uninitiated) to help protect various garments, embroideries etc in our collection.

MR V WILDGOOSE - AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

Mr Vernon Wildgoose, who has been a member of the Society for many years, has to our great regret, resigned. He has for a long time produced all the posters, and art work generally, used by the Society and we have been most appreciative of all he has done for us.

We need a replacement for him, so if there is anyone in the Society who can produce posters etc, we shall be glad to hear from him/her. Please get in touch with the Chairman.

PROGRAMME FOR 1984

In spite of the absence of a Programme Secretary, a programme has been arranged for the rest of 1984.

SATURDAY, 21 JULY - Walk round Cobham

**\*\*EXTRA ITEM TO PROGRAMME\*\***

Following the talk by Mr David Taylor in April a "walk" has been arranged. Meet at 2.30pm in the car park in Bridge Road, Cobham. (Bridge Road is the one opposite Waitrose.)

SUNDAY, 5 AUGUST - "Walk" round Guildford

This will be led by Matthew Alexander and follows his talk to the Society in January. The party has to be restricted to 30 and booking slips have been received for just that number. If, however, you now find that you cannot come, please let the Secretary know on Ashtead 77876. New members and others waiting will be glad to take your place.

SATURDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER - All-day Visit to Christchurch

Details of this visit and a booking form were included in the last Newsletter. Places are still available and anyone interested should contact Allan Gillies (Ashtead 74616) as soon as possible.

FRIDAY, 12 OCTOBER - Dallaway Lecture

This lecture will be given by Mr F H Thompson, MA, MC, FCA, who is the General Secretary of the Society of Antiquaries. His subject will be "Hill Forts in South East England" and he himself has worked on the excavation of the major hill forts.

The venue is the City of London Freemen's School, Ashtead, by kind permission of the Headmaster, Mr Kemp. As an experiment, coffee will be served at 7.45pm before the lecture, so that there is no break between the lecture and question time. The lecture itself will start at 8.15pm.

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The remaining lectures will take place at the Red Cross Hall, Leatherhead. Here again, Mrs Gilbert and her helpers will serve coffee (not tea) at 7.45pm before the lecture. Announcements will be made during the "coffee break" and the lecture will start at 8.15pm, followed immediately by questions.

FRIDAY, 16 NOVEMBER - Potent Plants and their Uses

Mrs Jean Combes, a well-known W E A lecturer, last spoke to us on "Local Wildlife", and illustrated her talk with some charming and beautiful slides. We are very pleased to welcome her again and this time her subject is "Potent Plants and their Uses".

FRIDAY, 14 DECEMBER - Christmas Miscellany

The annual "Miscellany" of short talks given by members, is always a very popular event, with its accompaniment of hot mince pies. If you would like to contribute to this evening's talks, please contact the Chairman on Ashtead 75466.

And prior notice of one of the 1985 lectures -

FRIDAY, 25 JANUARY 1985 - Map Making in England

Mr Peter Ellis, the South East Regional Manager of the Ordnance Survey, will give a talk on maps and map making in England.

ARCHAEOLOGY

Mr Crossland has given us the following short report on recent archaeological activity in the area:

Several members helped Surrey Archaeological Society to locate Stane Street at South Holmwood.

The M25 material has been referred to Guildford Museum for identification. One piece is likely to be Late Bronze Age, in addition to the Iron Age pottery, clay loom weight, Roman coarse pottery and roof nails.

Some work has still to be done on the Iron Age feature.

Development sites in Leatherhead have not revealed any features.

"WALK" ROUND LEATHERHEAD - 31 MARCH

This "walk" was organised for our Junior Members only, as we felt it important that they should have some event of their own. It was led by Mr Crossland on a freezing cold, dreary day, but three Juniors bravely turned up and seemed to enjoy themselves! At any rate they asked for something similar to be arranged again: we will do our best very shortly.

May we just remind you again:

We need two people to look after the Society's programme of events: one to arrange visits and "walks", and the other to arrange speakers.

We also need someone who can produce posters for us.

Any volunteers, please ring the Chairman, Mr L A Smith, on Ashtead 75466.

Joyce Fuller  
Secretary

Please retain this for reference

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